

Appl. No. 09/600,125
Amdt. dated May 10, 2004
Reply to Office action of February 11, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

By the present amendment, the proviso of claim 55 has been amended to read that the propargylamine is not R-deprenyl or R-desmethyldeprenyl.

The amendment has been made without prejudice and without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's objections. Applicant reserves the right to file any of the deleted subject matter in a further continuation, continuation-in-part or divisional application. No new matter has been entered by the present amendment.

The Official Action dated February 11, 2004 has been carefully considered. It is believed that the amended claims submitted herewith and the following comments represent a complete response to the Examiner's rejections and place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

35 USC §112, First Paragraph

Claim 55, along with claims 82, 85, 86, 88, 90, 93, 96, 99, 103 and 106 dependent thereon, have been rejected under 35 USC §112, First Paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner contends that the term "peripheral neurons" is not mentioned in the application as filed and therefore represents new matter.

In response, the Applicant has amended the proviso in claim 55, and therefore in the claims dependent thereon, to remove reference to peripheral neurons.

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Instead the proviso now reads that the propargylamine is not R-deprenyl or R-desmethyldeprenyl.

In light of the above amendment, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's objection to claims 55, 82, 85, 86, 88, 90, 93, 96, 99, 103 and 106 under 35 USC §112, First Paragraph, be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, we respectfully submit that the application is in order for allowance and early indication of that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem it beneficial to discuss the application in greater detail, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at (416) 957-1683 at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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